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I remember often in cartoons when a character would do something foolish or was tricked in to some sort of

prank, the characters head would be changed in to the appearance of a Donkey. Meaning that they were ignorant and easily fooled. Therefore for me to come up and tell you, that you look like a donkey would be offensive and impolite. But since I'm your preacher and I don't care whether or not I offend you, I am going to tell you all tonight that I believe many of you are looking like Donkeys and I hope more of you start resembling them more and more each day. I say this because if you look at this colt who according to Zec 9:9 was a donkey that carried the Messiah, we all should resemble a donkey in our lives. I want you to notice first that ...

I. This Colt Had to be Redeemed - No
Jesus didn't give his disciples any money to buy the donkey from its owner. No this redemption to place

long ago. I understand that we must see the

A. The Pronouncement of the Law - this
Colt by the Pronouncement of the Law was
unclean, cursed, not worthy to live.

According to Ex 34:20 as soon as the
colt was delivered from its mother, its
neck was to be broken. It was doubly
cursed inside and out. It did not chew
the cud and it did not have a cloven hoof.
Therefore the Law demanded that the
animal be put to death. You looked like
a donkey from birth, we too are under the
curse of God. Rom 5:12, Rom 6:23 Jer 11:3

B. The Provision of the Lamb - But now
I want you to turn to Ex 34:20.

There was a provision made for the
colt by which it could be redeemed from
such a horrid fate: Ex 34:20. The owner
of the colt could offer up a spotless
lamb in the place of that colt, so that
once that lamb shed its blood and gave its
life, that colt was allowed to go free. Oh
I look a whole lot like a donkey. I
was condemned to die, proclaimed unclean
by the Law of God, yet Jesus the Lamb of God

II This Colt Had to be Released - The
redeeming of the colt is the reason that
there was a colt that Jesus could send
his disciples after, yet Jesus tells his disciples

1) ...there were some restrictions on this donkey that he had
to be released from.

1) Exodus 34:20 But the firstling of an ass thou shalt
redeem with a lamb; and if thou redeem him not, then
shalt thou break his neck. All the firstborn of thy sons
thou shalt redeem. And none shall appear before me
empty.

2) ...Jesus the lamb of God, gave his life, shed his blood in
my place so that I may now go free! Redeemed how I love
to proclaim it. Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb!

1) ...there were some restrictions on this donkey that he had to be released from.

2) ...old habits and sins. Are you bound up in an old way? Oh, yes you're saved, redeemed yet bound. I want to tell you there is hope! Notice not old was this colt bound by an old way but it was...

3) ...job as disciples is to help people follow through with the word of God and help relay that word of God to them that they might be released that besetting sin that hinders in their usefulness to God.

in verse 30 to loose him. There were some restriction⁽¹⁾

A. It was Bound by an Old Way - This colt was tied up. You know like in them old westerns that had that thingy out front they tied their horses to. (That's all in the Greek) John Phillips said "The donkey had life thanks to the Lamb but it did not have liberty." It may have spent many an hour, looking at that green grass that bubbling brook, hoping and longing for the day to roam at will. Unfortunately many of us look like donkeys here. We have life in Christ, yet we are bound by old habits⁽²⁾

B. It was Brought by a New Word - I

believe the Lord Jesus and the owner of this donkey had it worked out with maybe a pass phrase - "the Lord hath need of Him." Whether it was meticulous planning or a miracle performed, Jesus sent his word to free the colt to release him. It is not God's will that you stay bound by sin's. And all the pulling & kicking in the world will not do. It is the word that breaks the bonds of sin. Good lesson for us

leaders & teachers, our job as disciplers is to⁽³⁾

III This Colt Had to be Ruled - Now

this colt was a young colt. Jesus stipulated that it was one that on which never a man had sat. Now I've seen enough

yeasterms in my day to know what that means

A. It was Wild in its old Nature - It means that this donkey was not used to someone climbing on its back and riding him around. It means that its never been broken. In its current state, its nature says, I do not like you on my back therefore I am going to jump around and flail my legs around until you fall off of me and think twice before you ever try it again. At this angle, don't we all tend to look like donkeys. We are more than ready to do what we want to do, to run ^① across the fields. VS 28

B. It was willing under its New Master ¹³⁵

But now, under its new master, this unbroken, rebellious, wild colt, is now willingly yielding its back to carry the Lord Jesus. Jesus ruled over this animal, not with whips and straps, but with merely his touch. Would to God that the Lord Jesus touch our rebellious hearts that we might be yielded unto his will. Note that when this colt was humbled the Lord was lifted up. And no one noticed the colt but ever one began to praise and see

IV Closing - I'll bet you never thought you so favored a donkey before in your life. 3 areas of application in this message. Do you need to be redeemed, Released, Ruled.

- 1) ...run across the fields, and skip and jump and buck, and not ever have to carry a burden. Lord I know you want me to do this, but I'm more partial to doing this. You ever just feel like a donkey sometimes?